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**To:** Microsoft ATR  
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Hi,

I am writing to let you know that I strongly desire that the settlement with Microsoft should go through. I believe that the resources applied to this effort should be refocused in other areas.

Monopolies are all about restricting choice. In my non-legal view, it's silly to say that Microsoft is a monopoly as long as there is choice. If I want a better operating system, I can choose Apple's. I'll pay more, but it is better. If I want to pay less, I'll choose Linux. It's not as good, but it's free. It would seem that Microsoft has successfully found the sweet spot of not-too-expensive and good-enough. I don't think they should be punished any further than what you have negotiated.

Thank you for considering my views.

Sincerely,

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